

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 15, 23 and 25 are amended. The amendments to the claims place the application in better form for examination.

Furthermore, in reply to the June 16, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect the Species of Fig. 17, with traverse. At least claims 7, 15, 23 and 25 read on the elected species. At least claims 7, 15, 23 and 25 are believed to be generic within the claims of the above-elected group.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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